

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An information retrieval apparatus includes an input unit from which information-retrieval information is input, database interfaces which can access databases, a display unit for displaying, in the form of a bar, information which is obtained by the access, a central processing unit (CPU) which can move a cursor for designating a position in the lengthwise direction of the information bar and which uses a database interface to retrieve, from the databases, information corresponding to the lengthwise position designated by the cursor. The information retrieved by the CPU is displayed on the display unit. In this structure, data can be retrieved without performing user-used inputting by using a keyboard or the like.